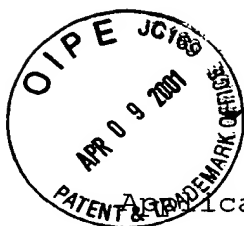


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Sir:

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 6, 2000  
OFFICE ACTION AND PETITION FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

This Amendment is submitted in response to the December 6, 2000 Office Action issued by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. A response to the December 6, 2000 Office Action was due March 6, 2001. Applicant hereby requests a one-month extension of time for responding. The fee for a one-month extension of time is FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$55.00) for a small entity. Applicant has previously established small entity status, and a check for this amount is enclosed herewith. Therefore, a reply to the December 6, 2000 Office Action is now due April 6, 2001, and this Amendment is being timely filed.

Please amend the subject application as follows:

In the Title:

Please delete "IDENTIFICATION OF GENES ALTERED IN MULTIPLE MYELOMA" and insert -MUM-1 PROTEIN EXPRESSED BY MULTIPLE MYELOMA-RELATED GENE--.